

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A video-on-demand system for use with personal computers connected to a packet data network, the system comprising:

a cable television network; and

content provider websites which list videos available for delivery from content providers to subscribers of a cable television service provider, wherein the subscribers use the personal computers to communicate with the content provider websites via the packet data network in order to select videos from the content provider websites for delivery to the subscribers;

wherein the cable television service provider ~~communicates with the content provider in order for the cable television service provider to receive~~ receives the selected videos from the content providers and then[[;]]

~~wherein the cable television service provider~~ delivers the selected videos to televisions of the subscriber subscribers via the cable television network for the subscribers to view.

2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of claim 1 wherein:
the cable television service provider delivers the selected videos by streaming the selected videos to the ~~subscribers~~ televisions via the cable television network immediately after the subscribers have selected the video.

3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of claim 1 wherein:
the cable television service provider stores the selected videos on a video server for subsequent delivery from the video server to ~~subscribers~~ the televisions via the cable television network.

4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of claim 1 wherein:

the cable television service provider delivers the selected videos to ~~a subscriber~~
~~video recorder~~ recorders associated with the televisions via the cable television network for the subscribers to subsequently view.

5. (ORIGINAL) The system of claim 1 wherein:

the subscribers perform key word searches using the personal computers in order to select videos from the content provider websites for delivery to the subscribers.

6. (ORIGINAL) The system of claim 1 wherein:

the subscribers use the personal computers to browse categories listed in the content provider websites in order to select videos from the content provider websites for delivery to the subscribers.

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of claim 1 wherein:

the subscribers provide identification data to the content providers when selecting videos from the content providers;

wherein the content providers provide the identification data along with the selected videos to the cable television service provider; and

the cable television service provider uses the identification data in order to deliver the selected videos to the ~~subscribers~~ televisions via the cable television network.

8. (ORIGINAL) The system of claim 1 wherein:

the content providers provide descriptive information identifying the selected videos along with the selected videos to the cable television service provider for use by the cable television service provider.

9. (ORIGINAL) The system of claim 1 wherein:

the cable television service provider bills the subscribers for the selected videos on behalf of the content providers.

10. (ORIGINAL) The system of claim 1 wherein:

the subscribers have subscriptions with the cable television service provider to select videos from the content provider websites for delivery to the subscribers, wherein the cable television service provider bills the subscribers for the subscriptions.

11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of claim 1 wherein:

the personal computers and ~~a subscriber home location~~ the televisions are remote from one another and are in indirect communication with one another via ~~[[a]]~~ the packet data network and the cable television network.

12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of claim 1 further comprising:

a cable television service provider ~~Internet~~ website, wherein the subscribers use the personal computers to register video interest profiles on the cable television service provider website;

wherein the content providers communicate information to the cable television service provider regarding videos available for delivery from the content providers to the subscribers;

wherein the cable television service provider compares the information regarding the available videos with the video interest profiles; and

wherein the cable television service provider sends emails to the subscribers containing information regarding the available videos which correspond to the video interest profiles.

13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of claim 12 wherein:

the subscribers use the personal computers to transmit delivery requests to the content providers via the packet data network for videos identified in the emails;

in response to the requests, the cable television service provider receives the requested videos from the content providers and then delivers the requested videos to the ~~subscribers~~ televisions via the cable television network for the subscribers to view.

14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of claim 1 wherein:
the subscribers use the personal computers to register video interest profiles on the content provider websites;
wherein the content providers ~~sends~~ send emails to the subscribers regarding videos which correspond to the video interest profiles and which are available for delivery from the content providers to the subscribers.

15. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of claim 14 wherein:
the subscribers use the personal computers to transmit delivery requests to the content providers via the ~~Internet~~ packet data network for videos identified in the emails;
wherein in response to the requests, the cable television service provider receives the requested videos from the content providers and then delivers the requested videos to the televisions via the cable television network for the subscribers to view on the televisions.

16. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A video-on-demand system for use with a computing device connected to a packet data network, the system comprising:
a cable television network; and
a content provider website, wherein the content provider website lists videos available for delivery from a content provider to a subscriber of a cable television service provider, wherein the subscriber uses the computing device to communicate with the content provider website via the packet data network in order to select a video from the content provider website for delivery to the subscriber;
wherein the cable television service provider ~~communicates with the content provider in order for the cable television service provider to receive~~ receives the selected video from the content provider and then[:]
~~wherein the cable television service provider~~ delivers the selected video to a television of the subscriber via the cable television network for the subscriber to view.

17. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of claim 16 wherein:

the cable television service provider delivers the selected video by streaming the selected video to the television of the subscriber via the cable television network immediately after the subscriber has selected the video.

18. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of claim 16 wherein:
the cable television service provider stores the selected video on a video server for subsequent delivery from the video server to the television of the subscriber via the cable television network.

19. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of claim 16 wherein:
the cable television service provider delivers the selected video to a ~~subscriber~~ video recorder associated with the television of the subscriber via the cable television network for the subscriber to subsequently view.

20. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of claim 16 wherein:
the subscriber performs a key word search using the ~~personal computer~~ computing device in order to select a video from the content provider website for delivery to the subscriber.

21. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of claim 16 wherein:
the subscriber uses the ~~personal computer~~ computing device to browse categories listed in the content provider website in order to select a video from the content provider website for delivery to the subscriber.

22. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of claim 16 wherein:
the content provider provides identification data identifying the subscriber along with the selected video to the cable television service provider;
wherein the cable television service provider uses the identification data in order to deliver the selected video to the television of the subscriber via the cable television network.

23. (ORIGINAL) The system of claim 16 wherein:

the content provider provides descriptive information identifying the selected video along with the selected video to the cable television service provider for use by the cable television service provider.

24. (ORIGINAL) The system of claim 16 wherein:
the cable television service provider bills the subscriber for the selected video on behalf of the content provider.

25. (ORIGINAL) The system of claim 16 wherein:
the subscriber has a subscription with the cable television service provider to select videos from the content provider website for delivery to the subscriber, wherein the cable television service provider bills the subscriber for the subscription.

26. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of claim 16 wherein:
the computing device and the television of the subscriber ~~home location~~ are remote from one another and are in indirect communication with one another via the packet data network and the cable television network.

27. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The system of claim 16 further comprising:

a cable television service provider website, wherein the computing device transmits a video interest profile to the cable television service provider website;

wherein the content provider communicates information to the cable television service provider regarding videos available for delivery from the content providers to the subscriber;

wherein the cable television service provider compares the information regarding the available videos with the video interest profile;

wherein the cable television service provider sends an email to the subscriber containing information regarding the available videos which correspond to the video interest profile.

28. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of claim 27 wherein:
the computing device transmits a delivery request to the content provider via the packet data network for a video identified in the email;
wherein in response to the request, the cable television service provider receives the requested video from the content provider and then delivers the requested video to the television of the subscriber via the cable television network for the subscriber to view.

29. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The system of claim 16 wherein:
the computing device transmits a video interest profile to the content provider website;
wherein the content provider sends an email to the subscriber via the packet data network regarding videos which correspond to the video interest profile and which are available for delivery from the content provider to the subscriber.

30. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of claim 29 wherein:
the computing device transmits a delivery request to the content provider via the packet data network for a video identified in the email;
wherein in response to the request, the cable television service provider receives the requested video from the content provider and then delivers the requested video to the television of the subscriber via the cable television network for the subscriber to view.

31. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A video-on-demand method for use with a computing device connected to a packet data network, and for use with a television associated with a subscriber of a cable television service provider and connected to [[a]] the cable television service provider via a cable television network, the method comprising:
providing a content provider website listing videos available for delivery from a ~~third party~~ content provider to [[a]] the subscriber of the cable television service provider, the videos being available for delivery to the subscriber ~~over the packet data network for viewing on the computing device or~~ over the cable television network for viewing on the television;

~~communicating between the subscriber using the computing device and the content provider website via the packet data network in order to enable the subscriber to select a video from the content provider website for delivery to the subscriber; and~~

communicating the selected video from the content provider to the cable television service provider and then to the subscriber television via the cable television network if selected for viewing on the television; and

~~communicating the selected video from the content provider directly to the computing device via the packet data network if selected for viewing on the computing device.~~

32. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 31 wherein:

delivering the selected video includes streaming the selected video from the cable television service provider to the subscriber television via the cable television network immediately after the subscriber has selected the video.

33. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 31 further comprising:

storing the selected video on a video server of the cable television service provider for subsequent delivery;

wherein delivering the selected video includes subsequently delivering the selected video from the video server to the subscriber television via the cable television network.

34. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 31 wherein:

delivering the selected video includes delivering the selected video to a subscriber video recorder associated with the television via the cable television network for the subscriber to subsequently view.

35. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 31 wherein:

the subscriber performing a key word search in order to select a video from the content provider website.

36. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 31 wherein:

the subscriber browsing categories listed in the content provider website in order to select videos from the content provider website.

37. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 31 wherein:
communicating the selected video from the content provider to the cable television service provider includes communicating identification data identifying the subscriber along with the selected video from the content provider to the cable television service provider;
wherein delivering the selected video includes using the identification data in order to deliver the selected video to the ~~subscriber~~ television via the cable television network.

38. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 31 further comprising:
the content provider providing descriptive information identifying the selected video along with the selected video to the cable television service provider for use by the cable television service provider.

39. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 31 further comprising:
the cable television service provider billing the subscriber for the selected video on behalf of the content provider.

40. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 31 further comprising:
the subscriber obtaining a subscription with the cable television service provider to select videos from the content provider website for delivery to the subscriber; and
the cable television service provider billing the subscriber for the subscription.

41. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 31 wherein:
the computing device and ~~a subscriber home location~~ the television are remote from one another and are in indirect communication with one another via the packet data network and the cable television network.

42. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 31 further comprising:

the subscriber registering a video interest profile on a cable television service provider website;

comparing information regarding videos available for delivery from the content provider to the subscriber with the video interest profile; and

transferring an email to the subscriber containing information regarding the videos which correspond to the video interest profile and which are available for delivery from the content provider to the subscriber.

43. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 42 further comprising:
the subscriber transmitting a delivery request to the content provider via the packet data network for a video identified in the email;

in response to the request, communicating the requested video from the content provider to the cable television service provider, and then delivering the requested video from the cable television service provider to the ~~subscriber~~ television via the cable television network for the subscriber to view.

44. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 31 further comprising:

the subscriber registering a video interest profile on the content provider website;
sending an email to the subscriber regarding videos which correspond to the video interest profile and which are available for delivery from the content provider to the subscriber.

45. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 44 further comprising:
the subscriber transmitting a delivery request to the content provider via the packet data network for a video identified in the email;

in response to the request, communicating the requested video from the content provider to the cable television service provider, and then delivering the requested video from

the cable television service provider to the ~~subscriber~~ television via the cable television network for the subscriber to view.

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